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The following analysis of "the foreseeable consequences of the signing of the Atlantic Pact" was prepared for the Italian General Staff.

- The analysis considers that "logically, the measures which the USSR will carry out after the signing of the Atlantic Pact must be proportional to the danger which the Soviet Union feels will derive from it". In this connection, the following points are made:
  - The signature of the Pact by the United States signifies the opening of lend-lease for armaments which can make a reality of the Brussels bloc which has, for a year, limited itself to outlining paper plans;
  - With the adherence of Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Italy, the Atlantic bloc could utilize the bases of the Syalbard, eastern and southern Scandinavia, Greenland, Iceland, Bornholm, and Italy; and
  - The Atlantic Pact could be followed by a Mediterranean agreement which could include, among others, Turkey, Greece, and the Middle Fast States including Pakistan. The Atlantic Pact could also be followed by a Pacific Pacto
- In order to decide upon its course of action, according to the analysis the USSR will have to take into account the following factors:

#### Favorable:

(1)The land forces of the Soviet Union and her Satellites have a notable superiority over the Atlantic Pact states, namely, 240 divisions as against 60 active plus 15 territorial divisions; and

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(2) The aid that the fifth column could give in the Western States is by no means insignificant. Their effectiveness however would be continuously decreasing both as a result of the gradually bettering economic conditions and the measures which the various governments would adopt as a defense against illegal fifth column activities.

### b. Unfavorable:

- (1) The Soviet Union does not have the atom bomb; and
- (2) The Soviet economy has not yet recovered from the effects of the war. Its industry has a potential four to five times inferior to that of the United States.
- On the whole, according to the analysis, the time factor is in favor of the West which, in two or three years will have made up the deficiency in land armaments. The USSR, aware of this, could now attempt a recourse to arms but it is doubtful that it desires to make this decision without atomic arms and in the previously noted conditions of its economy, particularly its industry. However, it is to be expected that, as they have done in the past, the USSR will adopt retaliatory measures which could be the following:
  - a. To sponsor a military alliance similar to the Atlantic Pact, which would absorb the bilateral pacts currently in effect between the USSR and her Satellites;
  - b. Agitation action by the Communist Parties of the Western countries. This action, however, would not reach the point of an armed revolt, as such latter action would lead the Western governments to outlaw the Communist Parties, thus prematurely depriving the USSR of the aid of these fifth columns in case of conflict;
  - c. To occupy Finnish bases by means of a loose interpretation of Act 122 of the Soviet-Finnish Pact;
  - d. To foment anti-Tito guerrilla activity, particularly to support the establishment of a Macedonian state. It is probably for this reason that Markos who asserted the intangibility of the Greek frontiers, was liquidated;
  - e. To initiate guerrilla activity in Iran;
  - To stiffen her stand on the Austrian question thereby causing a failure of negotiations for a peace treaty in order to avoid an evacuation of that area, Hungary, and Rumania;

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- g. To strengthen the German police and relax, in various ways, their attitude toward the Germans;
- ho To intensify action in China and Southeast Asia; and
- i. To denounce the political treaties concluded during the war with Great Britain and France.

